



SENIOR LECTURER POSITION (“OBERARZT / OBERÄRZTIN”) IN EQUINE INTERNAL MEDICINE

The Equine Department at the Vetsuisse Faculty, University of Zurich, Switzerland, is offering an 60-100% senior lecturer position in Equine Internal Medicine.

Hospital: The Veterinary Hospital of the Vetsuisse Faculty (VSF), University of Zurich, is one of two Veterinary Teaching Hospitals in Switzerland. The campus of the VSF is located at the outskirts of the city, close to the Irchel campus and approximately 15 minutes (by tram) from the central campus of the University. All clinical, preclinical and paraclinical institutes are located in close distance on campus. Therefore, the location provides an ideal environment for clinical service, teaching and research activities, including interdisciplinary research collaborations within the VSF and with groups at the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Science.

Equine Department: The Equine Department consists of 4 sections, including Equine Internal Medicine, Equine Surgery, Equine Sports Medicine and Ophthalmology (covering all species). Equine reproduction is covered by the Clinic of Reproductive Medicine, which is part of the Food Animal Department. There is close collaboration with other clinical services such as Diagnostic Imaging, Anesthesiology and Clinical Pathology and with the paraclinical institutes.

The facilities are well maintained and equipped with up-to-date medical devices (including high-end video-endoscopy equipment, several general purpose ultrasound and echocardiography machines, a variety of physiological monitoring devices and telemetric ECG units, a variety of stall-sided laboratory assays, a high-speed treadmill, digital radiography, fluoroscopy, a CT unit, and a 3T MRI unit; a new scintigraphy unit and standing CT and standing MRI units are under construction).

The Equine Hospital has three main examination and treatment areas (surgery/orthopedics, internal medicine, sports medicine), two surgery tracts (one of them with a hydropool recovery system), and 44 box stalls (including 4 isolation stalls). The yearly equine caseload consists of approximately 1600 outpatients (approx. 300 in the Internal Medicine Section) and 1500 inpatients (approx. 600 in the Internal Medicine Section).

The Internal Medicine Section is offering an internship program, a Swiss Equine Practitioner (FVH) program, and a residency program according to the requirements of the ACVIM and the ECEIM, respectively. Currently, the section consists of four board-certified internists (three ACVIM, one ECEIM), five ACVIM residents, three interns, several graduate students (MS) and doctoral students (Dr. med. vet.), four grooms/technicians and an administrative assistant.

The candidates should fulfill the following qualifications:

- A professional degree (Dr. med. vet., DVM, or equivalent) and board certification in large animal internal medicine (ACVIM) and/or equine internal medicine (ECEIM) are absolute requirements.
- An advanced degree (PhD, Habilitation, or equivalent) is not mandatory.
- Training and experience in critical care medicine and equine neonatology is required.
- The candidate should demonstrate a strong interest in large animal cardiovascular medicine. Previous training and experience in the area of equine cardiology (including advanced skills in echocardiography and electrocardiography) will be advantageous.
- The candidate should be a team-player with adequate clinical experience, excellent communication skills, and a strong desire to provide excellent patient care and to train professional students, graduate students, interns and residents.
- Knowledge of German (fluent oral and written) and English language is mandatory for this position.

Duties:

- Participation in the clinical activities of the Equine Internal Medicine section (in-house service only; including neonatology, emergency, and critical care).
- Contribution to the clinical training and didactic teaching of professional students, interns, residents, and graduate students and participation in continuing education activities.
- Emergency work after hours, on holidays, and on weekends is part of the basic duties and will be shared with other senior clinicians (primarily during foal season, from February until June).
- The appointed candidate will be expected to cover part of the large animal cardiology service (with main emphasis on horses, but also covering all other large animal species), including cardiology consulting for referring practitioners and clients.
- The appointed candidate will represent the Equine Internal Medicine section through interactions with clients, referring veterinarians, other faculty members and clinicians, colleagues from preclinical and paraclinical institutes, students, external research groups, visitors, and representatives of biomedical companies.
- The appointed candidate will be expected to actively contribute to the future development of the section, to participate in committee work and to assist with all required administrative tasks.
- The extent of research activities will depend on the level of employment (60-100%). At higher levels of employment, the appointed candidate will be able and will be expected to actively conduct research.

The clinical duties will have to be covered on a weekly basis, independent of the employment level.

The salary will be determined according to the Vetsuisse Faculty University of Zurich guidelines for clinical senior lecturers and will be commensurate with the applicant's experience and qualifications. The appointment includes 5 weeks of vacation and admission in the obligatory retirement plan. Accident insurance is covered by the employer, whereas general health insurance must be concluded by the employee.

Zurich has recently been judged to be the city with the second highest quality of life worldwide (after being the top-ranked city for several years). Zurich is a fantastic place to live, very cultural and diverse. Zurich International Airport is located only 8 km (5 miles) from the VSF and can easily be reached by public transportation (30-40 min) or by car (10-15 min).

Deadline for application is August 25, 2019. However, consideration of applications may continue after the deadline if no suitable candidates have been selected. The starting date will be January 1, 2020 or by specific arrangement, but no later than July 1, 2020.

All candidates are asked to submit a letter of intention in German language that includes their career objectives and research interests, alongside with their curriculum vitae, a copy of their transcripts and diplomas, and the names and contact information of 3 professionals acting as references.

All applications must be sent electronically, as single PDF file, by e-mail to the secretary of the Clinic for Equine Internal Medicine: Mrs Ljubica Dimbrek, pferdemedizin@vetclinics.uzh.ch.

For more information or for any questions, the applicants are requested to contact Mrs Ljubica Dimbrek or Prof. Colin Schwarzwald (+41 44 635 84 20; pferdemedizin@vetclinics.uzh.ch).

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